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**RE: West Valley Community Pedestrian Bridge Project – WWRP 22-1277 D**

Dear Mr. Wilkinson,

Please accept my letter of support for the West Valley Community Park Pedestrian Bridge over Wide Hollow Creek Project. I understand that the City of Yakima - Parks & Recreation Division is applying for grant funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office for the State of Washington and I support the project. I am aware that the current homemade bridge is inadequate and when flooding occurs the bridge gets washed out. I know that families use the bridge to access the park from the neighborhoods to the north and the bridge is critical to connecting people to the park. I am also aware that the bridge is utilized by students walking to and from school and if the bridge gets washed out this will cause problems for families transporting children to school. A new bridge that is designed properly and built to withstand some high-water events would be very beneficially to the community and will also remove a possible obstruction from the creek that in the event of a flood will cause further flooding to the area around the current bridge. I am in support of the proposed bridge and know it will benefit the City of Yakima Parks and Recreation system. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in helping you secure the funding for this much needed project.

Sincerely,  
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